

WLB BLAST BRINGS NEW LEWIS RETREAT

Soviets Expect Nazi Tank Drive; RAF Destroys Main Nazi Dams

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Lewis Aids Foe, Says WLB; 'Truce' Follows Ickes Plea

WASHINGTON, May 17 (UP).—President Roosevelt has advised Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin and Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek that major allied actions are in the making against Germany and Japan.

He told Stalin in connection with the European war theater that "now that we have the initiative it is reasonable to expect further successes on both the Eastern and Western fronts."

His message to Chiang said "We hope in the near future to take together with your gallant army the initiative in Asia and bring to an end the war which you have for many years carried on successfully in spite of all difficulties."

Both messages, made public by the White House late today, were in response to congratulatory messages from Stalin and Chiang on the Allied victory in North Africa.

Foe Masses Armor at Orel, Belgorod

LONDON, May 17 (UP).—Germany is massing fleets of its new tiger tanks in the Belgorod and Orel sectors apparently in preparation for a lightning offensive designed to neutralize the Red Army before the Allies can open a Second Front in Europe, Moscow dispatches said today.

Spectacular Raid Floods Ruhr Valley

LONDON, May 17 (UP).—Billions of gallons of water surged down two of Germany's greatest industrial valleys today, sweeping bridges and power plants before it and flooding the entire area, as the result of a Royal Air Force raid in which two of the biggest dams in the Nazi Reich were broken.

Belgorod is 45 miles above Kharkov, at the northern end of the Donets River line. Orel is a hinge position midway on the 420-mile railroad stretch between Kharkov and Moscow.

Moscow dispatches indicated that the larger force of enemy tanks was concentrated around Belgorod, where a break-through might turn the Russian Donets line. A breakthrough at Orel would bring danger of a flanking attack on Moscow from the south.

Giant Lancaster bombers, in one of the most spectacular and successful raids of the war, roared down last night to within 50 feet of two of the most important dams in Germany and dropped mines which smashed them and loosed 336,000,000 tons of water.

The targets were the Mohne and Sorpe reservoirs, which control two-thirds of the water storage capacity of the Ruhr Basin, heart of German industry, and the Eder Dam which controls the head waters of the Weser and Fulda valleys.

The Germans—apparently intent to use their big tiger tanks in mass, supported by their 88-millimeter guns, to puncture the Red Army front at Belgorod or both and open a road for mechanized and infantry forces, the Moscow dispatches said.

"It can be assumed that the Russian command already has worked out a method to deal with the tigers and has taken the necessary steps to meet the threat," a United Press dispatch said.

Both Belgorod and Orel are held by the Germans. The enemy clung tenaciously to Orel in face of fierce attacks during the Soviet winter offensive. The Germans took Belgorod in their counter-offensive. Between Belgorod and a point just south of Orel the Soviet line bulges westward so that the Red Army holds Kursk and about a 150-mile stretch of the Kharkov-Moscow railroad between the two towns.

The Soviet Monday noon communiqué mentioned neither Belgorod nor Orel.

It reported that Soviet gunners northeast of Novorossiysk, on the Kuban front, had destroyed eight German pill boxes, aliened four artillery batteries and demolished 25 supply trucks and cars.

Eleven enemy dugouts and pill boxes, three guns and seven supply trucks were destroyed in the active Lischansk sector of the Donets front, the communiqué said.

Red Army scouts wiped out the garrison of a German-held village on the Kalinin front, the noon communiqué said, in a raid in which Tommy gunners broke into the village while others cut off the enemy retreat line.

In their operations the Soviets using anti-tank grenades blew up three dugouts and two pillboxes along with the Germans in them, the communiqué said.

U. S. SUBS SINK 6
TOKIO SHIPS IN PACIFIC

WASHINGTON, May 17 (UP).—American submarines, thrusting deep into Japan's Pacific supply arteries, have sunk six more enemy ships and damaged another, the Navy announced today.

The Navy also reported continuation for the third consecutive day of the U. S. aerial assault on Japanese shipping concentrations in the northwestern Solomons.

Torpedo bombers attacked a formation of four enemy cargo ships in the Buin area and left one of them burning.

The communiqué contained no news about progress of the U. S. attack on Attu, in the Aleutians, which began last Tuesday.

The latest haul by U. S. submarines include:

Sunk—a destroyer, a large cargo ship, a medium-sized cargo ship, a medium-sized transport, a small passenger-freighter and a small escort vessel.

Damaged—a large tanker.

These submarine successes raised to 232 the total of Japanese ships hit by our undersea raiders since the outbreak of war in the Pacific—162 sunk, 26 probably sunk and 44 damaged.



Just before they set out for the prison compound, Marshal Giovanni Messe (left) and Nazi General von Leebenstein (right) answer some questions for Gen. Montgomery (second from right) commander of the British Eighth Army in Tunisia.

AFL Reaffirms Its 'No-Strike' Pledge

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor today emphasized that its no-strike pledge is unconditional and holds "for the duration."

"In reaffirming our no-strike pledge at this time, the executive council wishes the American people to understand that we regard it as a valid and compelling obligation upon our part, come what may," the Council's statement said.

Unionists Map Cacchione Drive

By Mac Gordon

Kings County Communists lost no time in launching their campaign to re-elect City Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, following his nomination at the Kings County convention Sunday.

Trade unionists gathered Sunday afternoon to work out methods by which labor can be mobilized in support of the Communist Councilman. Leaders and members of other organizations did likewise. Election district captains of the Communist Party also worked out their plans to get the tens of thousands in the communities of Brooklyn who know and respect Councilman Cacchione's work out to vote for him.

Over 100 trade unionists from some 15 unions, AFL and CIO, resolved that in the light of Councilman Cacchione's record as a fighter for the war needs of the people of the city and the nation, labor must give him the fullest possible support.

They determined:

(1) To campaign in the shops and union halls for all-out registration so that workers can vote in the elections, and for enrollment so that they can participate in the crucial party primaries of 1944;

(2) To make known to organized labor the record and the achievements of Councilman Cacchione by inviting him personally to union meetings and shops, and by distribution of campaign literature;

(3) To encourage the setting up of special campaign committees in their respective unions.

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Flash

WASHINGTON, May 17 (UP).—Eight high-ranking government officials tonight served notice to House Speaker Sam Rayburn that they are opposed to the Connally-Smith anti-strike bill, which has passed the Senate and is scheduled for House consideration later this week.

700 Noted Citizens Hit Anti-Soviet Plot

An open letter to the American people, vigorously protesting the current wave of anti-Soviet slanders and calling for complete national unity to win the war, was issued yesterday by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship. More than 700 leading Americans from all sections of the country signed the letter.

Izvestia Rips Hitler 'Peace' Maneuvers

MOSCOW, May 17 (ICN).—"The peace maneuvers of German imperialism can evoke nothing but ridicule and disgust," says Prof. A. Yermolinsky in an article for Izvestia, which warns that by cunning maneuvers the Germans would like to bring back those times when they succeeded in defeating their enemies piece-meal.

"A compromised peace would also bring the Hitlerites considerable advantages. They could escape the responsibility for their crimes, retain in their hands the colossal wealth they plundered in Europe, and conduct preparations for a new war of conquest."

"The impudent invaders hope for the treachery of some of their enemies, who are united on the basis of their real interests in the struggle against the Nazi plague."

"The 'peace' maneuvers of Hitlerite imperialism can evoke nothing but ridicule and disgust. Only the complete rout of the Hitlerite armies and the unconditional surrender of Hitler Germany can bring peace to the suffering peoples of Europe. It is necessary to double and treble the speed for the defeat of the enemy and the liberation of blood-stained Europe from Hitler tyranny."

Winchell Hits Trotskyite, Nazi Link

Trotskyism's disruptive trail was traced from a Long Island City war plant to Quindling's family circle in one short paragraph by Walter Winchell yesterday.

He notes that Washington authorities see Trotskyites as responsible for obstructionism, then adds a few notes indicating why. "At the Ford instrument plant in Long Island City, Trotskyites are blamed for stopping workers from donating one day's pay to United War Relief. . . Jacques Doriot, leader of the fascist bloc in France, was and still is leader of the movement there, it is said, and Quindling's wife is a Ukrainian Party leader, who got him his connection with the Nazis through the Norwegian Trotskyites."

BULLETIN (By United Press)

John L. Lewis said today that he would extend the truce in the coal strike until May 31.

Lewis made the announcement in disclosure that the United Mine Workers will agree to a request by Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes that a work stoppage tomorrow midnight be forestalled.

'Anti-War Forces For Lewis'-Haywood

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, May 17.—One hundred delegates representing over fifty thousand organized CIO furniture workers opening their biennial national convention here today enthusiastically cheered a denunciation of John L. Lewis as one "who is receiving the support of all anti-war elements."

That denunciation came from Allan Haywood, the CIO's national organization director. He explained that this is not the first time Lewis had deliberately jeopardized the welfare of the coal miners. Haywood told how in 1919, when the issue was against the operators only, Lewis raised the false slogan "Don't strike against the government." But now when the very life of the labor movement and every worker depends on national unity behind our commander-in-chief Lewis is trying every maneuver to provoke treasonable stoppages.

Richard Reisinger, president of the Cleveland CIO, welcomed the delegates to Cleveland. He blasted Lewis's unpatriotic disregard of the situation created by the people's war. In the first day's session, devoted mainly to guest speakers, delegates also heard Joe Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, call for a complete end to political, racial and other discrimination.

WASHINGTON, May 17 (UP).—The War Labor Board today accused John L. Lewis of virtual treason for his unrelenting defiance of its efforts to settle the coal wage dispute and, with the strike truce expiration less than 36 hours away, remained unshaken in its stand that the issue must be decided by the board or President Roosevelt.

In a formal statement issued after Lewis failed to respond to the WLB's summons to appear here today to arrange resumption of direct negotiations with the operators, the Board evidenced its determination to subordinate details of the case and make it a head-on test of strength between itself and Lewis.

R. J. Thomas, United Auto Workers president, suggested that whenever a CIO member suggests striking during this "United Nations war against slavery," he be advised to use his steam to fight such harmful measures as the Lewis-Connally-Smith bill.

Thomas declared: "Lewis doesn't believe in any roll-back of prices. He doesn't believe there should be any War Labor Board. He doesn't want anything the miners could get through our government. Because then they won't think the great John L. got it for them."

James Carey, CIO secretary, appealed for international labor solidarity centered around the trade unions of the U. S., England, and the Soviet Union.

"The issue now confronting the nation in this dispute," it said, "is whether Mr. Lewis is above and beyond the laws which apply to all other citizens of the United States."

COMFORT TO ENEMIES

Alluding to the UMW leader's refusal to accept Board jurisdiction, the statement said:

New Anti-Labor Bills Pushed in Congress

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Strengthened by renewed threats of a John L. Lewis strike in coal, labor-baiters on Capitol Hill are having a field day.

Even the drastic and far-reaching Connally-Smith bill which is scheduled to come up for action on the House floor later this week or early next week hasn't satisfied the anti-labor boys. They are already pushing a series of new bills.

WASHINGTON, May 17 (UP).—Coal Administrator Harold L. Ickes today asked John L. Lewis for "assurances" that mine workers will continue working without interruption when their present truce ends tomorrow midnight.

WLB said "this defiance challenges the sovereignty of the United States in time of war and gives aid and comfort to our enemies."

Lewis who was in New York had no immediate comment.

"To me, it simply means that if the president of the United Mine Workers wins, then the fight to preserve the freedom and liberties of our own nation is being lost at home while millions of our boys fight to preserve these freedoms and liberties abroad," Watt said.

700 Noted Citizens Hit Anti-Soviet Plot

One of the most dangerous of these, which would bar non-citizens from voting in trade unions or acting as officers of labor organizations, is sponsored by Rep. Roy Woodruff, notorious Michigan defeatist and friend of Gerald L. K. Smith.

Hearings on this bill and on Rep. Gerald Landis' measure to force registration of trade unions with the Secretary of Labor are scheduled to resume tomorrow before the House Labor Committee.

Last week both measures were opposed by Julius G. Lurken of the Railroad Brotherhoods; Lewis G. Hines, AFL legislative representative and Irving Richter of the United Automobile Workers.

Harry Bridges, West Coast CIO leader, is an immediate target of the Woodruff Bill. He would be barred from holding union office under the measure.

The Woodruff Bill would also prevent Canadian members of international unions with headquarters in the U. S. from voting in union elections.

Whether another work stoppage will occur is conjectural. UMW officials in Alabama, Ohio, Illinois, and West Virginia have declared they would not send the men into the pits after the truce deadline in the absence of a new contract or specific word from Lewis.

The latter, in accord with usual

GOP Moves for Ruml Vote Today

WASHINGTON, May 17 (UP).—House Republican leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr., announced today definite plans for bringing about a decision vote on the Senate-approved Ruml plan bill in the House tomorrow.

The Republicans will move to send it to a conference committee with specific instructions to bring back a final bill for 100 per cent forgiveness of a year's income taxes, instead of the bill passed by the House for partial forgiveness.

Martin's announcement followed a strategy conference with Republican members of the House Ways and Means committee.

Speaker Sam Rayburn said the Democrats will oppose such a move.

DEMAND APPEARANCE

"Negotiations cannot proceed in this case until the representatives of the United Mine Workers appear before this board," Morse said.

WLB also ruled out the possibility that Ickes himself might take over the case, another prospect favored by Lewis. Although Ickes is operating the mines for the government, the board cited the case of the government-owned Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad as proof the government operators have no authority in labor disputes but is subject to WLB jurisdiction.

Powell to Honor Heroes at Garden

Councilman A. Clayton Powell, editor of the "People's Voice," will present a roll of honor in tribute to soldier heroes at the March to Freedom Rally at Madison Square Garden, next Sunday evening, May 23.

Mr. Powell will read the names of International Workers Order members, who have given their lives in the armed services during this war, and the names of representative "E" workers in war industry and typical war mothers of national groups.

Speakers at the rally include Mr. Powell, Pierre Cot, former Minister of Aviation in the French Popular Front Government; Ben Gold, international president of the CIO Fur and Leather Workers, and others.

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Nat'l CIO Lauds Murray; Scores Lewis' Sabotage of War Effort

Reaffirms Labor's No-Strike Pledge

Wholehearted tribute to the leadership of CIO President Philip Murray was unanimously voted at the extraordinary conference of the CIO national executive board at Cleveland. At the same time, the sessions voted a scathing denunciation of John L. Lewis, as a man who "consistently schemed to undermine government war agencies."

The Cleveland meeting, which brought together leaders of unions operating in the nation's most decisive war industries, made decisions of vital importance to the drive for victory. All resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The CIO has maintained a constant and forthright policy, creating the basis for unity of all people behind the President, "because of the inspirational leadership demonstrated" by Murray, one resolution said.

CEMENT CIO UNITY

It specially praised that leadership for "cementing beyond attack the unity of the CIO behind our all-out support of the nation's war effort" assuring President Roosevelt that the anti-Axis drive for unconditional surrender "shall be fully supported by the entire nation."

At the same time, it pledges establishment of all necessary committees to mobilize labor and the nation behind the CIO program for pressure on Congress and government officials.

CIO leaders put their stand bluntly with respect to Lewis. Noting that winning the war must be the prime consideration, the resolution says:

"The CIO must condemn the actions of John L. Lewis and others who reject established procedures for equitable adjustments of labor's true grievances."

The statement hits out against his attacks on the War Labor Board, established with his consent, and asserted that he has "jeopardized the just demands" of the miners by "exploiting the injustices in the mining industry in furtherance of his personal and political vendetta against the President."

BACK MINERS

At the same time, the CIO parley adopted a resolution giving recognition to the justice of miners' grievances but declares that strikes which "endanger the nation's security" and "furnish aid and comfort to all of labor's enemies in and out of Congress" are not the way to get them corrected.

The resolution commends President Roosevelt for calling upon the War Labor Board to "realistically discharge" its responsibilities.

In an over-all resolution dealing with major problems of home-front economy, the CIO meeting reaffirmed labor's no strike pledge and branded such anti-labor legislation as the Connally bill and the Smith amendment as "insulting and provocative" and capable only of "sabotaging the morale and efficiency" of production soldiers.

In the same resolution, the CIO leaders reiterated its support for economic stabilization but criticized restrictions imposed on the War Labor Board in the elimination of gross inequalities on wage rates. They asked President Roosevelt to attend to the NWLB final authority to make such wage adjustments "without the hampering interference" of Economic Stabilization Director Byrnes.

HIT BLACK MARKETS

Renewal of the demand for the rollback of prices to Sept. 15 levels, effective enforcement of ceilings, and prosecution of violators, grade labeling, rationing, and the elimination of black markets are also demanded.

Coincidentally, the resolution calls for rescinding the Congressional action lifting the \$25,000 net income limit and demands an equitable, and just tax program based on ability to pay. It brands the Ruml plan as giving a windfall to "high income groups" and proposes instead tax legislation for giving the low income citizens 1943 taxes while putting them on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Curbs on war profits and establishment of labor-management machinery for manpower allocation were also demanded.

TVA in 10 Years Saved 100 Million

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 17 (UP)—The Federal Government's gigantic economic experiment, the Tennessee Valley Authority—which will be 10 years old tomorrow—has sold nearly 30 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity and saved southern power consumers an estimated \$100,000,000.

Listing its accomplishments during the decade, the TVA said besides its 19 dams—and three more under construction—the development has done everything for improving farm machinery and establishing medical units to testifying on north-south freight differences and supervising reforestation, soil erosion prevention and wildlife protection.

'Lewis' Activities Endanger Nation

Here is the full text of the resolution adopted by the CIO Conference at Cleveland, condemning the actions of John L. Lewis:

It has been the position of the Congress of Industrial Organizations that the welfare of the Nation is paramount to all things, in peacetime and in war. The entire program of the CIO has been directed toward that end. Nothing must jeopardize the winning of the war.

In times of emotional stress the labor movement of this country must be particularly wary of any person or element which seeks to substitute for sane and democratic processes willful and revengeful dictation. Labor's rights must be protected—vigorously protected—but they must be protected within the framework of rational procedure. Public servants and leaders must follow this tenet.

On the basis of these principles the CIO must condemn the actions of John L. Lewis and any others who reject established procedures for equitable adjustments of labor's true grievances. This man has consistently schemed to undermine duly established war-time agencies which have sought in this emergency to substitute conciliation for strikes and lock-outs. This is particularly true in his attacks on the War Labor Board which was established through the unanimous consent of labor, including M. Lewis. He has done this in public utterances and more viciously through his personally directed publication which has carried repeated and wholly unwarranted attacks on spokesmen for the CIO who are loyally supporting both our government and our labor movement. He has jeopardized the just demands of the United Mine Workers

of America by exploiting the injustices in the mining industry in furtherance of his personal and political vendetta against the President of the United States, our Commander-in-Chief. He persists in these activities although he must know that they endanger the very existence of our Nation and the lives of the millions of Americans on the front, including many thousands in the Armed Service from the coal mines.

The CIO has stated its position in regard to the equitable proposals put forth in behalf of the miners, but in loyalty to our country and in the interest of the labor movement we must emphatically denounce any individual who seeks to use the legitimate grievances of labor for irresponsible personal and political aggrandizement and with a studied indifference to our entire war effort.

Urges Wage Adjustment for Miners

The full text of the resolution on the situation in the coal mines, adopted by the CIO conference at Cleveland, follows:

The coal miners of the nation, organized in the United Mine Workers of America, are true soldiers of production. They produce the fuel which keeps the wheels of our factories, plants, mills and railroads turning thereby assuring our armed forces of all necessary munitions of war.

The historic role of the coal miners within the American labor movement cannot be questioned. The democratic traditions and personal valor of those men who work long hours and under dangerous conditions both in this and other countries, have always been an inspiration to all other workers.

The United Mine Workers of America have a case based on equity and justice:

1. Coal miners have not received any wage adjustments for over two years. Until recently, they have had work in many mines for only two or three days a week. At the same time, food prices and cost of living have soared. The recent study of the OPA frankly discloses that there has not been an effective enforcement of price ceilings in the coal areas—a situation similar to that in other parts of the country.

In addition, coal miners are compelled to purchase out of their own wages, their tools, powder, safety lamps and other materials necessary to perform their hazardous work and to pay for blacksmithing. These practices are but examples of the exploitation to which the coal miners are subjected.

2. The not infrequent occurrence of mine explosions taking their toll of human life makes coal mining one of the most hazardous industries in the world.

3. Coal miners as distinguished from all other underground miners in this country do not receive compensation for the time they spend underground going to and from.

Negro Editors Score Jim-Crow In U. S. Army

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, May 17.—The 14 Negro editors and special writers who recently witnessed Negro troop maneuvers in Louisiana at the invitation of the War Department, "were convinced that the segregated policy of the armed services is militating against the effectiveness of our fighting forces and that, until the color bar is abolished, the war effort will be impeded and truly national unity will be impossible."

This consensus of Negro editorial opinion is expressed in the current Michigan Chronicle, among the country's most progressive Negro newspapers. The troops which the editors were invited to see on maneuvers were members of the 888 Central Postal Directory, The Chronicle editorial adds:

"Jim Crow remains the hall mark of white supremacy and it will always be intolerable to every honest and sincere believer in the democratic form of government. . . . It is our profound hope that our government will shortly come to realize that the elimination of segregation in the armed services is one of the compelling necessities of an age in which all men of all creeds and colors are struggling everywhere to be free."

Yank Fliers Pound Burma Rail Lines

NEW DELHI, May 17. (UP)—American fliers, concentrating on Japanese supply lines in central Burma, yesterday dropped more than 10 tons of bombs on railroad installations between Mandalay and Shwebo, and an even greater weight of explosives on Zigon, 37 miles northwest of Shwebo, the 10th U. S. Air Force announced today. Shwebo is an important junction 50 miles northwest of Mandalay.

their places of work. The CIO succeeded both before the Wage Hour Administration and in court litigation in compelling employers of all other underground workers to pay the men for their time spent underground, thereby paving the way for coal miners to be paid on a portal to portal basis. We believe that in light of the level decisions it is incumbent upon the National War Labor Board to accord the United Mine Workers of America the same treatment which all other underground miners already enjoy.

The case of the United Mine Workers of America is now pending before the National War Labor Board. The membership of the United Mine Workers of America should not strike or cause any interruption of production because they know that such action can only result in aiding Hitler and the enemies of our nation. Strikes when our country is at war endanger the nation's security also furnish aid and comfort to all of labor's enemies in and out of Congress and endanger the very life of labor organizations through vicious anti-labor legislation.

President Roosevelt should be commended for his action in affording the coal miners the opportunity, through peaceful means rather than the use of troops, of demonstrating their loyalty to their Government and their desire to win the war by continued and uninterrupted production of coal. Labor has traditionally opposed and will continue to oppose the use of troops in any labor dispute.

The CIO therefore calls upon the National War Labor Board to grant to the United Mine Workers of America an equitable wage adjustment. Only in this manner can the Board realistically discharge its responsibility to determine the case in a manner that will best serve to aid the successful prosecution of the war. The Board must not repeat its unfortunate errors of the past in overlooking the needs of the coal miners and the West Coast airplane workers' cases where just and equitable claims for wage adjustments based upon prevailing gross inequities were denied over the opposition of the CIO. These claims must be recognized and satisfied by the Board.

The National War Labor Board now has a very deep obligation to demonstrate to the coal miners that their cause has not been prejudiced despite any individual's arbitrary action but rather that their meritorious case will be equitably determined which necessarily compels a decision in favor of the United Mine Workers of America.

Lewis Policy Aids Foe, WLB Charges

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practice, will not in any event call a strike. If he chooses to continue defiance of the government he simply will say nothing and thus in effect sanction a walkout.

But the situation differs markedly from the crisis two weeks ago when the first stoppage took place. The miners are now government employees. Mr. Roosevelt has warned them that no strike will be tolerated and has stated that stoppage by Federal employees is virtually unknown.

Morse was disclosed to have told the operations that "no other agency of the government has jurisdiction over this case save and except, of course, agencies of government superior to this board, such as the commander-in-chief."

The Board said that unless the mine workers submit to its jurisdiction it will reach a decision on the basis of the expected report of a three-man fact-finding panel which reviewed the case last week.

Until a new contract is arrived at, it said, the old contract which expired on March 31, still is in force. Thus any stoppage "constitutes a violation of contract" which the government had directed the mines to extend.

The WLB repeatedly assailed Lewis for his complete snubbing of its orders and appeals.

"This is not only a defiance of our laws," it said, "but it is also the only thing that stands in the way of the working out of a new contract for the mine workers by orderly, peaceful procedure in accordance with the order of the National War Labor Board of May 14, 1943, and the National Stabilization Policy under the Act of Congress of Oct. 2, 1942."

In demanding a wage increase and at the same time refusing to seek board approval of any agreement, it added, Lewis is defying the government's lawfully established procedures.

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Your Growing Child Teaching Them to Fight Back

By Jean Warren

"Years will pass. You will become adults. And then, in the good hour of rest after big and peaceful work, you will remember with gladness that in the terrible days you did not sit about with folded hands but in every way you could you helped your country in the difficult and very important struggle with man-hating fascism!"

These words by a popular Soviet children's writer, Arkady Gaidar, are found repeatedly in the Soviet press. They are addressed to the children of the Soviet Union.

"It is apparent that in the realm of child psychology," writes R. M. S. in a "Russia at War" bulletin, "the Soviets in wartime are operating on the premise that the best defensive is a strong offensive, that the Soviet child will suffer less from the impact of war if he is actively engaged in fighting it."

It is wonderful to understand the great resilience—and strength children have when faced with terrible adverse circumstances—it only they are able to fight back.

Richard Wright, author of Native Son, tells us in his autobiography how as a small boy, he first met racial discrimination. A gang of white boys attacked his gang. He and his friends had nothing but cin-

No-Strike Pledge Aids Our Troops—Addes

By Tom Dombrowski
(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, May 17.—Warning that the breaking of labor's no-strike pledge would imperil future victories, George F. Addes, secretary-treasurer of the CIO auto union, declared that labor's loyal fulfillment of its no-strike pledge helped make possible the victories in Tunisia.

Writing in his regular column in the auto union's paper, Addes outlines a 6-point program for labor based on a no-strike policy.

Striking out at those who have been calling for a revocation of the no-strike pledge, he says that "There are individuals who say that the workers in some instances are being abused and misfired. However true that may be, on the other hand how very insignificant and infinitesimal it becomes when we compare that to what we would actually inflict upon our own brothers who are doing the fighting and dying on the battlefield, by strike action and stoppage of work."

"I, too, am mindful of the attitude of the employers, of our problems and of our just grievances. I am also mindful of the fact that the cost of living has increased tremendously, but to solve these problems and to adjudicate our grievances the answer cannot be derived in the revocation of our no-strike pledge."

"Rather the answer lies in the institution of a national educational and publicity campaign along political lines so as to have the prices rolled back to May 15, 1942, to curb profiteering and inflation and to mobilize the full and complete support of our entire membership, their families and friends, to the end that these things may be brought about."

6-POINT PROGRAM

Stating that our nation is engaged in a battle to determine whether or not this nation and the United Nations are to endure he places himself four-square behind the following program:

"1. Win the war.

"2. No strikes for the duration; utilization of governmental agencies to adjudicate labor-management differences.

"3. The rolling back of consumer prices to level of May 15, 1942.

"4. War Labor Board to have the power to adjust all inequalities and inequalities of wages on a plant, area and industry-wide basis.

"5. Guarantee of full employment of 40-hour weekly pay.

"6. Unconditional support of the President of the United States, our commander-in-chief, in his efforts to stabilize the nation's economy and win the war."

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shops and unions for the re-election of Cacchione:

(4) To establish a Labor Campaign Committee;

(5) To arrange a labor testimonial dinner for the Councilman in recognition of his services to labor and the people.

About a hundred leaders and members from various civic and fraternal bodies established a similar program for carrying the campaign to the members of such bodies throughout the borough.

Election district leaders from Communist Party clubs resolved to:

(1) Enlist 1,000 campaign workers in the county to devote themselves to bringing the win-the-war program of the Communist Party and its Councilman to the people;

(2) Secure the names of 10,000 families in Brooklyn known to be in the progressive fold, and to concentrate all efforts at reaching these families and getting the maximum vote from them;

(3) Secure 20,000 signatures to the petition nominating the Councilman, to be gotten from some of the above families. The campaign for signatures opens on July 29 and ends on Labor Day;

(4) A drive for registrations through the entire progressive movement, the labor movement and the win-the-war press.

(5) A concentrated push to get out the vote on Election Day, with a minimum of 45,000 first choice votes as the goal.

One of the opening events in the campaign is the colorful annual Peter V. Cacchione ball this coming Saturday. Many people who have come to respect the Councilman because of his untiring work on behalf of the war effort and the needs of the people come to do him honor at this affair.

Thus, it is noted that Paul Robeson's appearance at the ball this year is a tribute to the effective work done by the Councilman in fighting discrimination. Negro leaders of Brooklyn are expected to be with the great Negro singer and fighter for democracy at the affair.

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BIG BILL HAYWOOD

'Big Bill' Haywood—Labor Pioneer

William D. "Big Bill" Haywood, Communist, and one of the fathers of the modern American labor movement, died 15 years ago during a long visit to the Soviet Union. "Big Bill" didn't live to see the CIO. But he helped mightily in preparing the way for its founding.

Haywood's bold, fearless temperament matched his huge frame. He grew up on the frontier as a child worker, homesteader and metal miner. When the miners organized in the mountains of Colorado, Idaho and other western states Bill Haywood forged ahead as a leader.

He became secretary of the militant Western Federation of Miners—later the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers—that won the eight-hour day, higher wages and human freedom in many metal mine camps.

Many miners felt in pitched battles when company gunmen attacked. But the organization carried on.

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British Force Nazi Crews to Scuttle Ships

LONDON, May 17 (UP)—British warships have intercepted two blockade-running German ships laden with invaluable cargoes from the Far East and have forced the enemy crews to scuttle them, an admiralty communique announced today.

The German armed ship Silvana, 4,793 tons, was intercepted in the Atlantic about 200 miles of Cape Finisterre, at the northwest tip of Spain, the Admiralty said.

The second ship, the 8,068-ton motor vessel Regensburg, was caught in the Denmark Strait between Greenland and Iceland.

Both ships had sailed successfully the thousands of miles between Far Eastern ports, where they had gathered cargoes urgently needed by Germany, and were on the last leg of their run for German ports when British warships caught them.

West Philly Lauded On Recruiting Drive

During the Party building campaign in Pennsylvania, intense competition developed between the Bethlehem and West Philadelphia Sections of the Party. The following letter Bethlehem recognizes that West Philadelphia outdistanced them. We wonder why these two Sections, together with Pittsburgh and McKeesport, don't enter another competition, with each determined to ring up a 100 per cent record in keeping and activating the new members. Let's hear from all four of these Sections.

The letter to the West Philadelphia section of the Communist Party follows:

"Dear Comrades:

"We wish to congratulate your membership, through Comrade Kastrow, on the splendid results your section achieved in the recruiting drive. The reports seem to indicate that your section need us out in our socialist competition by a very small margin and we congratulate you on your success.

"We feel that the competition was beneficial to both sections. In our own section we increased our membership 60 per cent. We had 100 members when the drive began and our quota was to recruit 45 members of whom 15 should be steel workers; we recruited 60 of whom

16 were steel workers and achieved 133 per cent of our recruiting quota. We built four new branches and increased our mass work during the drive. Among the recruits were nine metal workers. The recruiting of AFL women and fur workers was good as was the composition of our recruits generally.

"We face the task for the summer of consolidating our Party and building it still stronger with greater confidence of success.

"We hope in the near future to be able to have our best recruiters meet with your section personally to convey our personal congratulations.

"We want to particularly commend your organizer Ike Kastrow on the splendid leadership he has given to the section and also the Baldwin workers on the results of their recruiting drive.

"Fraternally,

"CARL REEVE,
for the Bethlehem Section."

Union Lookout

Flour-dusty hands are clasping each other across the sea. . . . Frank Duto, president, Bakers' Local 1, has just received a letter from the Amalgamated Union of Operative Bakers, Confectioners and Allied Workers of Great Britain and Ireland. . . . "The war against Hitlerism has brought us closer together," J. J. Thomason, general secretary of the British union, wrote. . . . He congratulated the New York local on its 6th anniversary and hailed American comrades-in-arms who have come to Britain to help crush the common enemy.

Note to Rickenbacker: Two unionists have just been reported among the latest batch of American heroes. . . . Joe Gaetano, 22-year-old member of Carpenters Local 1164, AFL, was the distinguished Flying Cross, the second highest honor an American flyer can get, for achievements in North Africa. . . . Dick Kenny, member of Local 1371, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, now an army flier, is reported to have been the sole survivor of a bomber brought down in action in Guadalcanal.

Community Councils, set up by the Greater New York Industrial Union Council to swing union strength behind win-the-war measures in the neighborhood, will be represented by two fraternal delegates at future council meetings. . . . The council now represent a total of more than 115,000 CIO members, acting in cooperation with their neighbors to insure price control, the establishment of child care centers, and generally to back the President.

There's one bomber in the making that'll take the Axis to the cleaners and at the same time bring the cleaners to the Axis—the way they want to go. . . . The destruction-hurling ship's a gift from the Laundry Workers Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. . . . Because the union has undertaken an industry-wide "Buy a Bomber" bond sale drive, the U. S. Treasury is inscribing its name on the bomber.

Welfare Local 1, State, County and Municipal Workers, is well represented in the armed forces and the sign-up of one more ordinarily might not cause a ripple. . . . But Maria Theresa Sessa, 25, a Department of Welfare secretary, who just signed up with the WAAC, is the third in her family to go to the war fronts. A brother is in the air corps and Pop's in the merchant marine. . . . Sessa in Italian means Slop and the family slogan is Sessa Fascism.

Local 438, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers, hot on the tail of all New York Congressmen on the Smith-Cannedy Bill, has received the first response, according to Bob Friedman, its legislative representative. It is from Rep. Arthur G. Kleinman of the 14th District who wrote that he is "unalterably opposed" to the anti-labor measure. He said he would do everything in his power to influence the Congressmen to vote with him against it.

Boys and girls will enjoy free band concerts at city recreational centers again this season. AFL Musicians Local 802 announces that the concerts are being arranged through the cooperation of Mayor LaGuardia and various sponsors.

Patrolman Eddie Gordon of the National Maritime Union did a good job for the war effort in a full length report on the Nazi and Spanish fascist fifth column in Latin America, which the "Fifth" NMU organ, has summarized in a series of articles. Gordon, who spent years in Latin America, knows his stuff. The articles will put seamen on guard against the enemies they meet in their travels.

Twenty-five New York newspaper men and newspaper women journey to Boston next month as delegates to the national convention of the American Newspaper Guild at the Hotel Statler, June 14. Twenty-one newspaper, news service and news magazine offices are represented by delegates and alternates.

Frank Griffin, vice chairman of the anti-discrimination committee of the Joint Board, Fur Dressers and Dyers Union, has been granted a leave of absence from union work until June 7 for special win-the-war work.

Griffin is co-producer, with Pearl Mullins, of the Langston Hughes drama, "For This We Fight," which will be presented at the Negro Freedom Rally at Madison Square Garden June 7.

Newark Labor Unites For 'American Day'

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEWARK, May 17.—A united labor rally which roared a demand for an immediate invasion of Europe marked the observance of "I Am An American Day" here.

Mayor Vincent Murphy, secretary of New Jersey's State Federation of Labor, was a main speaker at ceremonies to which AFL and CIO workers from war plants came with the Army and Navy E pennants, the Maritime M flags and the Treasury T banners which they had won for their efforts for victory.

Sponsors included Edward Slater of the Teamsters, AFL; Walter Barry of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO; John Proto, United Steelworkers, CIO; and Whittaker Chambers, chairman of the Building Trades Council, AFL. Besides Mayor Murphy, speakers included City Commissioners Villani and Brady, Mr. Holzman, Mr. Barry, Harry Murphy of the Treasury Department, Colonel Munson of the United States Army and George Pfau of the War Production Board.

INVASION CALL
The call for invasion now was contained in a pledge which was unanimously adopted by the rally.

The declaration hailed United Nations victories in North Africa and looked to the Churchill-Roosevelt meeting now under way in Washington for prompt steps to meet the enemy in Europe. The pledge said:

"This conference must be broken that decision which is the only answer for a short war and unconditional surrender of the Nazis—the invasion of the European continent now—the crushing of the Hitlerite forces between the anvils of the United Nations, the glorious forces of America and Britain in the West and the gallant forces of Russia in the East.

"It is only fitting and proper that we, the representatives of organized labor—AFL and CIO—the leaders of the production soldiers on the home front, pledge to our Commander-in-Chief and to the men in the armed forces that we will produce as never

Reuther Must Explain His Doubledealing

Ask Murray Act In Plant Firing of Indiana CIO Chief

INDIANAPOLIS, May 17.—The Indiana State Industrial Union Council CIO, has asked CIO President Philip Murray, to investigate the discharge of Ansel French, State Auto Council secretary, from a war industry plant at the orders of the Army. He was fired without trial or hearing.

Earlier the State CIO had told General Somervell, Army supply chief, that it considered French a "good American, a skilled workman," who is "needed to produce the goods for war."

The Army had French discharged from the Warner Gear plant at Muncie, Ind., on the vague charge "subversive." No particulars were given.

The State CIO Council told Somervell that they saw the strong possibility that the case meant another "red-baiting witch hunt" was under way.

PROCEDURE "UN-AMERICAN"
Walter Friable secretary-treasurer of the State CIO Council told President Murray that they would heartily approve dismissal of subversives, but no evidence was offered to prove the vague charges against Mr. French.

And "the use of the cloak of military expediency to justify failure to particularize the vague charges 'subversive activities' is un-American," said Friable. "We don't believe that it is tolerable and we certainly aren't going to submit to it calmly."

The State CIO letter also called President Murray's attention in what appeared to be an important factual error in a letter sent to Secretary-treasurer Friable on May 3 by Major F. L. Leonard, assistant chief of the Ordnance Department.

After telling Mr. Friable that French's dismissal was "in conformity with War Department Circular, 'Discharge of Subversives from Private Plants and War Department Plants, Privately Operated, of Importance to Army Procurement,' Major Leonard quotes the circular as saying:

MAJOR'S ERROR
"The international representatives of organized labor have agreed to abide by this procedure. . . . and local representatives of labor are being so advised by their international representatives."

Mr. Friable commented as follows in his letter to President Murray:

"We cannot conceive that the representatives of CIO in official positions have ever agreed to the discharge of employees without specific charges which can be answered by evidence. We hope that you will investigate this fully. Certainly in our organization we have never accepted general charges without particular as grounds for discharge of our members, and certainly this organization cannot and will not accept such a position."

Major Leonard had curiously advised Mr. Friable that "Any criticism, which you may have of the removal itself or the procedure, should also be taken up with the international representatives of labor."

The Indiana CIO leader had replied to Major Leonard that no international representatives had voiced their approval of such procedures to the State Council.

SECRET WITNESSES
Mr. French was notified by Colonel Alton C. Miller, director of the Personnel Security Division of the Army that he could supplement the record in his case. He could:

A. Without appearing personally, submit affidavits, documents, or other pertinent data, or without counsel, and submit verbal or written information, or both.

No hint of the nature of "the record," was given, however.

Referring to this in his letter to Major Leonard, Mr. Friable declared:

"It is incredible that in the United States at this time or any time an individual should be expected to defend himself against a blanket charge with the particulars and the witnesses concealed from him."

High Court Upholds Right of Nisti to Vote
WASHINGTON, May 17 (UP).—The Supreme Court today denied the petition of John T. Regan, of San Francisco, for a review of his unsuccessful suit to deny American-born Japanese the right to vote.

3-Star Father Hero at Home



Father of three soldier sons, Frank Krulikowski of Local 416, United Electrical and Radio Machine Workers, CIO, has been proclaimed a hero on the production front. Krulikowski won a Certificate of Individual Production Merit from the WPA for making a single-action press do the work of a double-action press.

Kerr Witch Hunt Is Rapped in House

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ment if the Kerr Committee's procedure and definition of "subversive" activity had prevailed in their time.

HOUSE HEARS PROTESTS
Others took the floor to protest against the amendment were Rep. John Folger of North Carolina, George E. Outland of California, George Sadowski, of Michigan, Thomas Ford of California and Howard J. McMurray of Wisconsin, all Democrats.

Rep. Clare Luce, the glamorous and reactionary Connecticut Republican in an apparent effort to demonstrate her liberalism, also expressed doubt about the Kerr amendment.

The three employees who would be barred from the Federal pay roll are Goodwin Watson and William E. Dodd of the Federal Communications Commission and Robert Morris Lovett of the Interior Department. All three have been strongly defended by the heads of their agencies. The FCC upheld Watson and Dodd in a special report, and Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes wrote a three-page letter protesting against the Kerr Committee smear of Lovett.

The full House Appropriations Committee is backing the action of its Kerr Sub-committee.

RED-BAITING SMERES
Spokesmen for the Kerr Committee tried to whip an atmosphere of red-baiting hysteria similar to that which prevails during debate on the Dies Committee. And there is no doubt that the odds are heavily on

Northwest Workers Ask Quick Invasion

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SEATTLE, May 17.—Growing demands for invasion of Europe now to smash forward to Berlin were expressed here by shipyard workers and fishermen.

Lake Washington shop stewards, in reorganizing Labor-Management committees in cooperation with the Seattle Metal Trades Council, unanimously adopted a resolution pledging greater production for victory.

Recalling President Roosevelt's words that "America's armies will march on the roads to Tokyo and Berlin in 1942," the shop stewards echoed his plea for unconditional surrender of the Axis as the only road to peace.

"American production, which was quadrupled in 1942, must be doubled again in 1943," a resolution said.

"We pledge full support to the reorganized Labor-Management Committee at Lake Washington Shipyards."

"We urge every worker to contact his local union committee now with any idea he or she may have that would simplify, shorten aid, increase efficiency, or otherwise hasten completion of the combat ships being built here."

The Alaska Fishermen's Union, in calling for full scale military invasion of the European continent by Great Britain and the United States, warned against the State Dept. policy of dealing with Nazi elements.

Labor-Employer Fur Body Tops 10 Million in Bonds

Labor-management cooperation in the fur industry has yielded victory dividends.

With union and employers working together through the War Emergency Board, the industry has topped its \$10,000,000 Second War Loan Drive goal by a million dollars.

This was announced yesterday by Marcus Silverberg, executive director, who said that \$2,000,000 represented purchases by members of the International Fur & Leather Workers Union, CIO, and \$800,000, bought by the international, local, and manufacturers who made purchases through them.

The rest of the \$11,000,000 sales represented purchases made by fur supply houses, dressing, dyeing and blending firms, manufacturers, and dressers, brokers and auction companies.

The drive was successful, Silverberg said, because of the combined and harmonious effort of all sections of labor and industry in the fur trade.

"The International Fur & Leather Workers Union, through various locals and business agents, were mainly responsible for the fine showing of the workers' participation," he said.

During most of the campaign, the War Bond Committee maintained a depot for sales at 333 Seventh Ave. In less than three weeks this depot sold more than \$400,000 worth of bonds. The depot closes today. Thereafter the War Emergency Board office at 128 W. 31st St. and the Furriers' Joint Council at 250 W. 26th St. will be main headquarters.

The \$11,000,000 in purchases, Silverberg emphasized, is over and above the regularly established payroll allotment plan under which more than \$5,000,000 in bonds is being purchased annually by unionists and employers.

Longshoremen Hit Maritime Industry Board

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17 (FP).—Announcement by Chairman Paul Elie of the Pacific Coast Maritime Industry Board that the board was taking over full control of the recruiting program in the longshore industry was branded by the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union (CIO) as a face-saving gesture to cover exposures of mismanagement made before the Downey manpower subcommittee of the senate committee on military affairs.

Elie "has and is continuing to exhibit a complete anti-union bias," the ILWU charged. "Before the Downey committee he made the statement that there was no shortage of manpower in the longshore industry, and that no training program for women was needed because the industry had not yet run out of men. As a result of this attitude on his part, the industry is now caught with an acute shortage of manpower."

"The union, which has continuously pressed for a recruiting and training program, only to be rebuffed by Elie and Chairman E. S. Land of the U. S. Maritime Commission as making 'trivial and absurd' proposals, finds it impossible to work with Elie and his staff in this important undertaking."

"Instead, it will press its own program for the recruitment and training of women and with the War Manpower Commission, which has full authority to act."

Cite Joint Group In Red Cross Aid
WASHINGTON, May 17.—Among reports to National Red Cross headquarters on local campaigns in the Red Cross War Fund was the following tribute to labor and management cooperation, received in a letter from William G. Roderick, chairman of the Akron Red Cross Chapter:

"The adoption of the labor-management plan in the larger industries created such a feeling of unity in the entire community that it has made it impossible for us . . . to measure in dollars the value to the Red Cross of having full and complete cooperation of both organized labor and management. It is difficult for us to express adequately our appreciation to the leaders of the labor unions, or to the officials of the companies who made this War Fund a success. Without the full cooperation of both, we were helpless. With that cooperation we are exceedingly proud of the record that they have made for this chapter."

Both CIO and AFL unions participated in the campaign. Presidents of each local union named labor representatives and initiated plans with management for labor-management committees which carried on solicitation in every factory department and shift.

Soldiers, Sailors Will Be Blanketed in
WASHINGTON, May 17 (UP).—Men in the armed forces won't be cold for lack of blankets if the government can help it.

The War Production Board today authorized manufacturers to make 50-inch blankets for the Army and Navy.

Analysis of the absence records of 1,800 workers showed married women were absent more than any other category. Single men were next, then single women. Married men were absent least. It was found. Absenteeism was most marked also among new employees and new

Words Back Murray, His Acts Back Lewis

By George Morris

Walter Reuther, whom the Social Democratic forces advanced as a candidate for "new" leadership of the American labor movement, has to do some serious explaining to trade unionists, especially to members of the United Automobile Workers.

Reuther now says that he is opposed to strikes, that he is against John L. Lewis and supports President Philip Murray of the CIO.

But what did Reuther and his associates do at the very decisive moment, on the day that Lewis had the miners on strike and President Roosevelt appealed to them to return to work?

They worked against CIO policy and in support of Lewis.

Reuther was among those 200 CIO leaders who attended the Cleveland emergency conference where five basic resolutions were adopted. Those resolutions:

1. Reaffirmed labor's no-strike pledge and condemned John L. Lewis.

2. Reaffirmed acceptance of wage stabilization as a part of the general policy of wage stabilization.

3. Declared that mobilization of support for the President is "the primary task."

4. Denounced the "elements" who sought "without any success, to sow the seeds of disunity in the CIO" and expressed the "deepest appreciation to President Philip Murray for his wise guidance and courageous leadership."

5. Reemphasized the urgency of keeping up an uninterrupted flow of arms to our forces now entering the decisive battles of the war.

The vote on all these resolutions was unanimous, including that of Reuther and his associates in the "new" leadership.

REUTHER IN DEEDS—
The May 1 General Motors conference and May 2 Detroit regional UAW conference, which Reuther's men controlled, were turned into demonstrations against every one of those aspects of the CIO's win-the-war policy.

What is perhaps most important of all, is the time and setting under which Reuther arranged his little show at Detroit. It was on the Saturday when the mine strike went into effect, when the President pleaded with them to return to work by 10 A. M. of that day, and when he subsequently ordered the seizure of the mine. It was on the day after, just as the miners were and the entire country were preparing to listen to the President's evening address on the entire situation.

It will be recalled that events flew fast. Lewis, soon discovered that he undertook a bit too much and retreated with the announcement that evening of the so-called "15-day truce." But Reuther's men at Detroit, apparently had no word of the planned truce, and that afternoon went all out to back Lewis on the strike.

One Reuther-sponsored resolution at the GM conference declares that "increasing production no longer represents a basic problem in the bulk of shops under jurisdiction."

Along with that, following Reuther attacks upon incentive pay, a resolution was adopted condemning incentive pay under any and all circumstances. Some weeks earlier Reuther along with the rest of the UAW's GEB, voted for local autonomy on the question with provisions for certain safeguards.

On Lewis, the Reuther men called on "John Lewis' boys to stay out until hell freezes." They ridiculed the speeches of Thomas, Richard Frankenstein and others warning of the seriousness of the strike, as "flag waving."

On strikes, Reuther's speakers demanded that the no-strike pledge be rescinded and that labor's representatives on the WLB be withdrawn, just as Lewis advises.

On Murray, while Reuther conveniently says nothing openly, but

throws out such off-the-record bits to reporters as "Murray is giving up leadership to Matthew Woll," his associates minced no words in denouncing the CIO as "having lost its militancy" under Murray.

The Detroit May 1-2 performance by Reuther was treacherously well timed to give support to Lewis and defy the President at the decisive moment.

Some one had to call Reuther's hand. Earl Browder did in his hard-punching speech at St. Louis on May 8. Two days later, at the regional conference of the UAW in St. Louis, Reuther smoked out, also chimed in with some criticism of Lewis, and sought to cover his retreat with an attack on Browder. But Reuther retreated because Lewis had retreated. This, apparently, explains his loss of backbone at the CIO's Cleveland conference.

Times are far too serious and too much is at stake to permit issues to become a plaything of Reuther politics and ambition. Members of the UAW whom Reuther hopes to use in the same way that Lewis is endeavoring to exploit the miners, should demand an unequivocal explanation. Is he for the decisions of the CIO and Murray or the disruptive strike policy of John L. Lewis? Is he behind the President and war effort or is he aligned with the defeatist forces? Double-dealing must go.

FLINT, Mich.
UAW Calls for Housing Action
(Special to the Daily Worker)

FLINT, Mich., May 17.—With an estimated 2,500 additional workers expected to migrate into the city by the time peak employment is reached at the General Motors plants producing war materials, the City-wide Housing Committee of the UAW-CIO has appealed to the National Housing Administration and the Federal Public Housing Administration for action.

The committee has presented these government agencies with a minimum program which calls for 500 temporary family units and 230 duplex units for single workers and married couples. It proposes that the Palace Travel Coach Trailers which have been producing highly satisfactory units and are manufactured on the spot in Flint should be used to facilitate the institution of the housing program.

Union leaders point out that it is impossible to rent flats in Flint, that approximately 5,000 substandard homes are jammed and that, unless "immediate action is taken, the housing shortage threatens to become even more acute and affect the entire production program."

(Special to the Daily Worker)
FLINT, Mich., May 18.—Almost a completely new slate of officers will be installed by the Greater Flint and Genesee County CIO Council on Saturday, May 22. At the election held May 8, the delegates elected the following officers: Wayne Adams, president; C. Genselmer, vice-president; Ann Gensel, recording secretary; Clayton Johnson, financial secretary; Art Clint, sergeant-at-arms and Edna McNamara, 3-year trustee.

In a close race for president, Wayne Adams, financial secretary of Fisher Local 581, defeated Everett Francis, president of the same local. It was Francis who reported for the resolutions committee at the Michigan UAW-CIO special conference held in Detroit, May 1 and 2, and presented the Reuther-supported resolutions to the conference.

OWI Notes Planning Has Cut Absenteeism

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, May 17.—War plants without systematic plans for reducing the causes of absenteeism have nearly twice as high a rate of job absences as those which do have such programs, the Office of War Information reported yesterday.

The OWI report was based on interviews with workers in 13 war plants in various industries in various sections of the country. Seven plants with systematic programs were found to have a job absence rate averaging 4.4 per cent a month. Nine other with hit-or-miss methods had an absence rate of 8.1 per cent.

Analysis of the absence records of 1,800 workers showed married women were absent more than any other category. Single men were next, then single women. Married men were absent least. It was found. Absenteeism was most marked also among new employees and new

residents in a community. Grievances affecting health or safety conditions, lunch arrangements or promotional policy were also found to be attended by absenteeism.

OWI investigators found workers ready and well supplied with suggestions on how to cure absenteeism but they noted that few personnel departments were making broad positive efforts to change working conditions to keep employees satisfied. One aircraft plant, cited as "exceptional" in this respect, has an outstanding program against absenteeism, the government agency said.

The OWI report proposes remedies, which include establishment of fact-finding machinery; labor-management activity; extending shopping hours and provide child-care facilities, improving plant conditions, safety devices nutrition and general aides to adjustment. Prevention and remedy are better than punitive measures the report

notes.

Gov't Establishes War Meat Board
WASHINGTON, May 17.—Establishment of a War Meat Board to facilitate the handling of the nation's meat supply, was announced today by the War Food Administration and the Office of Price Administration.

Members of the meat board, who are to be named later, will consist of a chairman, the authorized representative of the War Food Administration, a representative of the United States armed forces to be named by the Quartermaster General, a representative of the War Food Administration responsible for other governmental purchases of meats, a representative of the food rationing division of the Office of Price Administration, and a representative of the Price Division of the Office of Price Administration. In addition, top men to be selected from the meat industry will be named to the board to cover the following divisions of the trade—pork, beef, small stock, such as lamb, veal and mutton, and canned meat.

No labor representatives are scheduled for the board.

Starr Hurls Cincy Reds To 3-1 Win Over Giants

By Nat Low

The Giants and Cincinnati Reds, tied for fifth place, started a four game series at the Polo Grounds yesterday and when the day was over the Giants were securely enshrouded in the sixth spot, losing to the Reds 3-1 as Ray Starr, veteran Cincy hurler set the Otters down with eight hits and no homers.

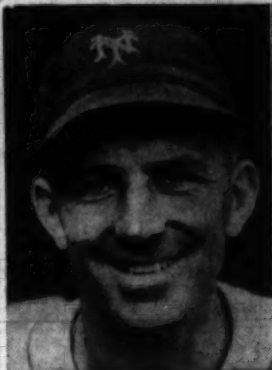
The Giants could do little with Starr's "soft-balls" and slow curves which had them biting at bad pitches all day long. But it must have been the heat and the re-arranged batting order which Mel Ott had to put in the field because of Mickey Witek's sprained back. With Witek out, Sid Gordon moved over from third to the keystone sack and aging Dick Bartell took over the hot corner.

On the mound for the Giants was Harry Feldman, who in three attempts this year has been unable to notch his first victory. Harry did all right but for one inning, the second, when the Reds banged up for three hits and three runs and the ball game.

The rally went like this. Tipton went out on an infield grounder to Bartell but Buddy Haas singled to left. Feldman had trouble with his control here and walked both Eddie Miller and Heinie Mueller to load the bags. Starr then came through with a single to drive in Haas and Miller. Lonnie Frey also singled to score Mueller but then Feldman bore down and got Marshall and Walker on force plays.

The only Giant run came in the fifth when Oregio singled to open the frame and went to second when Haas threw wild past first. Feldman batted out an infield hit and Bartell rapped a single to left to score Oregio. But with two on and none out Starr pitched beautifully to force the next three batters to hit easy ground balls to the infield, two of them forcing teammates on the bags.

And that was all.



DICK BARTELL

SCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Washington at St. Louis, postponed.
New York at Detroit, postponed.
Boston at Cleveland, postponed.
(Only Games Scheduled)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago 300 000 001-4 8 0
Philadelphia 611 010 005-6 12 0
Pittsburgh, Fleming (1), Haney (1), (1), (1) and Hernandez; Podgajny and Livingston.

GAMES TODAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cincinnati at Polo Ground (3 P.M.)
St. Louis at Ebbets Field (3 P.M.)
Chicago at Philadelphia (night game)
Pittsburgh at Boston

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York at Detroit
Boston at Cleveland (night game)
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Washington at St. Louis

Bob Montgomery Primed for His Greatest Fight

By Bill Mardo

Durability is the forte of Philadelphia Bob Montgomery... and there you have one of the main reasons for not underestimating his chances to annex the lightweight crown from the young brow of belting Beau Jack, when the two fine Negro scrappers meet at the Garden this Friday night.

Monty is a plodder—the kind of fighter who keeps in close and wears his foe down with a tireless barrage of body-blows. His ability to take a punch is unquestionable. Ask Lou Jenkins, he'll confirm that. The skinny Texan went himself out trying to apply the finisher to Monty, and in turn was subjected to a thorough going-over by Bob.

Since acquiring the 135 lb. bauble as a result of the stiffening job he did on Tippy Larkin, Bob has had but three bouts—and those against Fritz Zivic and Henry Armstrong, two men who have long since passed their peaks. But Friday evening it won't be a case of "youth versus age." Beau Jack will be facing a 24-year-old fighter—a man primed for the battle of his life.

Montgomery is psychologically ripe to upset the fistie applecart. Having been in five over-the-weight affairs with various lightweight rulers, Monty has been thriving for the opportunity to get a bona-fide crack at the crown. Well, now it's come, and he's ready to give it everything he's got.

In his recent outings, Montgomery has looked a lot like his old, sharp self—a lot like the guy who battered Davey Day in one heat, and slapped Lew Jenkins at will. Looks like young Beau Jack isn't in for any picnic come four days hence.

SORRY!

The Daily Worker went to press too early last night to get in the results of the Dodgers-Cardinal twilight game at Ebbets Field which began at 5:30 P.M. We will carry a feature account of the game in tomorrow's paper.

Batting Leaders

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Wander, Dodgers 14 40 5 15 375
Stephens, Browns 12 45 3 18 380
Higgins, Tigers 21 80 8 29 382
Herman, Dodgers 21 84 14 26 387
Bodett, Indians 19 74 12 28 339

HOME RUNS

National American
Herman, Dodgers 17; Stephens, Senators 18
Vaughan, Dodgers 14; Johnson, Senators 15
Walker, Dodgers 14; First tied with 13
Owen, Dodgers 14

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CAMP BEACON

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS

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CONSTANT READER

Hints to Radio Writers;
Krispy-Krax for Breakfast
Won't Win War Against Axis
By SENDER GARLIN

ALL'S not well with the affairs of the Office of War Information, judging by the periodic resignations, charges and counter-charges. I am referring, of course, to those writers of good will who complain that the work of the OWI is frequently dominated too much by streamlined advertising conceptions which would "sell" the war as if it were a new facial soap. I am ignoring, for the moment, the John O'Donnells of the New York Daily News who find fault with the OWI because they hate to see any kind of propaganda campaign against the Nazis.

The ultimate evaluation of the work of the OWI will one day be made, but meanwhile it is heartening to find the organization issuing such a sensible document as its recent list of suggestions for radio writers in wartime.

Prepared at the request of radio writers themselves, the Domestic Radio Bureau of the Office of War Information has just published a pamphlet entitled, "When Radio Writes for the War" which tangles with some of the current ills on the airwaves.

It is pointed out, for example, that over-zealous patriotic programs have not yet reached the point of closing with "Hell America"—but sometimes the effect is almost the same. It says that "unconscious jingoism" can well build up into serious problems, "threatening any serious consideration of the post-war world."

It goes into specific detail, and it is encouraging to hear such words from an official government agency:

"Take the word 'yellow.' Its use connotes a 'white supremacy.' But remember the Chinese, Mongolians, and other Asiatic nationalities—besides the Japanese—have yellow skins. And all Chinese don't say 'yellow good' or talk like traditional laundrymen or 'Fu Manchu.'" (Emphasis in original—S.G.)

Even stronger is the OWI's comment on the chauvinistic treatment of the Negro people on many radio programs. Its warnings on the subject recall "Rochester" on the Jack Benny program and the insulting roles usually assigned Negroes in the films. (Only the other day I saw the gifted Golden Gate Quartet used as a group of Pullman porter serenaders in Hollywood's "Star Spangled Rhythm.")

"Among Negroes, as among white men," the OWI tells radio writers, "there are college professors, scientists, soldiers who fight fascism, doctors, war production workers, human beings. When portraying a Negro on a radio program, avoid the Stepin Fetchit type, the minstrel man, the stooge, the dumb domestic, the guy always chased by ghosts. And Negroes have names as commonplace as John and Mary. Seldom are they as colorful as 'Eight-ball,' 'Ironhead,' 'Blackboy,' or 'Razor.' When Negro characters appear in a script, try to have them played by real Negroes—straight and intelligently—if Negro actors are available. And they are available in all large radio production centers."

The best proof that they are available is the infrequency with which Negro artists like Paul Robeson, Canada Lee, Ethel Waters, Leigh Whipper (now in "Mission to Moscow") and "The Oxbow Incident" are used on the big radio programs.

At long last, too, the OWI takes a fling at the common use of the word "Jap." The commercial press, of course, will explain that it's a short word and most convenient for headlines, but behind the facade of this explanation is found chauvinistic sentiments of long standing.

Says the OWI, with somewhat too great a charitable spirit toward the users of this term:

"We can't hope that people will stop using the name 'Jap.' It's a convenient abbreviation—but after the war its continued use will not help the peace. After the warlords are overthrown, we shall have to accept the Japanese people into the common brotherhood of all men. The chauvinistic monicker of 'Jap' will always bear the stigma of describing a hated enemy. Remember, incidentally, that loyal Japanese-Americans—now in western U. S. relocation (not concentration) camps—strongly resent being called 'Japs.'"

It is heartening, too, to find the OWI taking a hard slap at the commercial utilization of war programs. For the fact is that millions of Americans are disgusted with the way in which radio announcers use the war effort as a "come on" for putting over their product.

"In our judgment," says the OWI, "it is poor taste to use commercial plugs in war messages. Listeners lose confidence, not only in the message but also the product which tries to capitalize on the gravity of the war. Surveys and letters of protest show a strong public resentment to the practice of commercial advertisers injecting high-power pressure into the practice of commercial advertising."

Reminiscence of Gabriel Heatter's "cure" for baldness is the OWI's caustic comment that "there is no more horrible example to give than the slogan flaunted by the maker of a hair-removal cream—'For a nation under arms, watch your under-arm.'"

The OWI adds that "equally opportunistic" are commercials that hitch-hike on war production incentive and nutritional needs, urging housewives to feed their husbands plenty of Smuggins Krispy-Krax for breakfast so they can help win the war.

These are only a few of the suggestions offered script writers by the Domestic Radio Bureau of the OWI. This column is of the opinion that these ideas, if carried out, would go a long way toward making radio war propaganda more effective. But it does hope that approval of these obviously intelligent hints to radio writers in this newspaper will not unleash the bloodhounds of the Dies and Kerr Committees against the OWI and start a man-hunt for those in the OWI who revealed sufficient good sense and patriotism to issue these suggestions to radio writers in the interest of the war against the Axis.

"Constant Reader" appears every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday—Editor.

Radio News

By Eric Munx

ON WEDNESDAY night, May 19, at 11:15 Columbia will hold the first birthday party for its Latin-American network. High ranking government officials from the United States, Argentina, Cuba and Chile, as well as entertainers will gather around microphones to pay tribute to the newest of the networks.

The Latin-American chain of stations extends throughout Central and South America with branches in every one of the twenty Latin-American Republics. A year ago there were only seventy-six; now the network has grown to ninety-seven stations. At first seven hours of Spanish were sent across the two continents. Today eight and one-half hours are devoted to Spanish programs and six and one-half hours of Portuguese language programs are carried daily.

Edmund A. Chester, Director of the CBS Latin-American Network has guided the destinies of this venture with an eye toward serving the Central and South American listeners the best that our country has to offer in program material. Such outstanding CBS features as the Philharmonic, Los Angeles and Indianapolis Symphony Orchestras have been shortwaved to our Latin-American neighbors. The programs are first shortwaved from three large sending stations in America and are picked up in each of the twenty Republics. Then the individual stations longwave the programs to their respective listeners.

What we like about this network most of all is the way in which it

PROGRAM TIPS—Two speeches of great importance hit the air waves this coming week. On Wednesday, May 19, about 12:30 P. M. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill makes his second appearance before the Congress in a period of a year and a half. Churchill's message to the American people should ring with immediate hope for a European front. All stations will carry the address. On Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock the Networks. Czech President Edward Benes makes his first public utterance since arriving here from recent sojourns in Moscow and London.



Scene from "Action in the North Atlantic," Warner Bros. film of the heroic men of the merchant marine. "Action" opens at the Strand Theatre next Friday.

'Muenchhausen' Is Berlin Movie Hit

(By United Press)

Berlin movie audiences are breaking all box office records for German films to see a current picture depicting the adventures of Baron Muenchhausen, a legendary German character notorious for his exaggerations, the Transocean News Agency reported Saturday.

What's more, the German tall tales are in color.

More than 375,000 persons thus far have seen the picture in the German capital, and it still is going strong, according to the enemy broadcast heard in New York by the United Press.

"It Takes Both"



It takes perfect coordination between plane and aircraft carrier to win battles in the south Pacific or wherever our two-ocean navy operates.

It takes both... War Bonds and Taxes to provide the sinews of war to give our fighting men the tools they need to whip the Axis powers.

U. S. Treasury Department

RADIO HIGHLIGHTS

Department of Markets Question Box, WNYC, 2:05 P. M. . . . Greater New York Industrial Union "Guide to Victory" series featuring Kenneth Spencer, Cafe Society headliner, WLIR 7:00 P. M. . . . Lights Out (Arch Oboler), WABC 8:00 . . . Duffy's Tavern, WJZ, 8:30. . . . Bob Hope, WEA, 10:00 . . . Red Skelton, WEA, 10:30.

MORNING
6:45-WABC-Asa Leland Hawley
6:50-WMCA-Alice Hughes
7:00-WJZ-Breakfast Club
7:10-WQXR-Women at War
7:20-WABC-Medical Clinic
7:30-WJZ-Pure Food Hour
7:40-WNYC-Isabel Manning Huxon
7:50-WABC-Pass the Information
8:00-WJZ-Make Believe Ballroom
8:10-WQXR-Lisa Sergio
8:20-WMCA-Live Should Be Fun
8:30-WJZ-Baby Institute
8:40-WNYC-Conductor's Podium
8:50-WABC-Other People's Business
9:00-WNYC-Rations and Recipes
9:10-WJZ-Vie and Sade
9:20-WABC-Beats Battle
9:30-WQXR-Uncle Sam OWI Program
9:40-WNYC-Musical Sketches
9:50-WJZ-New Village
10:00-WQXR-Concert Stage
10:10-WNYC-You and Your Health
10:20-WABC-Afternoon
10:30-WNYC-Music at Work
10:40-WQXR-Midday Music
10:50-WJZ-National Farm and Home Hour
11:00-WJZ-Victory Gardens
11:10-WABC-Mary Margaret McBride
11:20-WQXR-Dance Music
11:30-WNYC-Midday Symphony
11:40-WABC-Great Voices
11:50-WQXR-Page of Melody
12:00-WJZ-U. S. Army Band
12:10-WABC-Martin Dean
12:20-WQXR-Afternoon Concert
12:30-WABC-Chamber Concert
12:40-WNYC-Department of Markets Question Box
12:50-WNYC-Highlights from Operas
1:00-WJZ-Victory Corps Program
1:10-WABC-Betty Crocker
1:20-WNYC-Warman Time
1:30-WJZ-Morton Downey Sings
1:40-WABC-Your Request Program
1:50-WQXR-Your Request
2:00-WNYC-My True Story
2:10-WJZ-The Voice of the Navy
2:20-WABC-Classical Music
2:30-WNYC-Treasury War Parade
2:40-WABC-Green Valley USA
2:50-WJZ-Between the Bookends
3:00-WNYC-Political Rationing
3:10-WABC-Four Stringers at Four
3:20-WJZ-This is Romance
3:30-WQXR-Symphony Hall
3:40-WNYC-Concert Hall
3:50-WABC-On the Home Front
4:00-WMCA-Civilian Defense News
4:10-WJZ-Pood Pood
4:20-WNYC-Our Army
4:30-WABC-Warman Time
4:40-WNYC-Katharine Craven
4:50-WNYC-Sonata Recital
5:00-WQXR-League of Women Voters
5:10-WABC-Candlelight and Silver
5:20-WABC-Madeline Carroll Heads
5:30-WNYC-Sports Extra
5:40-WJZ-Estelle Sternberger
5:50-WNYC-Recital Period
6:00-WNYC-Make Believe Ballroom
6:10-WQXR-Great Masters
6:20-WJZ-Secret City
6:30-WNYC-American Folk Songs
6:40-WABC-Stamp Club

EVENING
6:50-WABC-Family Time
7:00-WNYC-Stamp Club
7:10-WNYC-Sing a Song of History
7:20-WQXR-Music to Remember
7:30-WJZ-Grand
7:40-WNYC-Latin American Parade
7:50-WABC-Treasury War Parade
8:00-WJZ-Secret City
8:10-WQXR-Sports Comment
8:20-WABC-Fred Waring
8:30-WNYC-Fred Waring
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Wallace's Speech

VICE-PRESIDENT WALLACE'S speech at the "I Am an American Day" rally will ring up and down the Americas as an eloquent tribute to the unity of the United States and the Latin American peoples.

Wallace launched his speech with the central viewpoint: "The fortress of Europe lies ahead."

From this everything else flowed logically. From this central military need of the United States, he developed the urgent necessity of greater unity with the South American peoples, on the one hand, and of the urgent need for internal national unity on the other.

Mr. Wallace was clearly impressed with the great democratic strides taken in Chile where all political parties supporting the anti-Axis war, whether they be Communist, Radical Socialist or Conservative, are co-operating for the national victory.

Wallace saw in Chile the inspired labors of the Chilean working people, and he felt that he saw "a genuine democracy" in the unity in which working class parties like the Communist are welcomed into the national front for victory.

What is good for Chile's war against the Axis is good for America's war against the same enemy.

President Roosevelt noted the same need for genuine unity when he recently remarked that the French unity back of De Gaulle, which embraces all patriotic parties including Communists, was a good example for all other countries to follow.

Such unity spells the Axis' doom. That is why the red-baiters and Soviet-baiters, who are working for the defeat of the country, fear it and conspire so desperately against it.

Wallace's speech was a powerful indictment of these red-baiters as enemies of the nation. His speech should serve to strengthen the fight of all Americans against the Berlin-made poison of the red-baiters of the Hearst-Hoover and Dubinsky-Norman Thomas type.

Re-elect Cacchione

THE campaign for the reelection of Councilman Peter V. Cacchione is on.

This is not a narrow partisan campaign. It is part of the fight to elect a win-the-war City Council for New York, for no councilman has approached Cacchione in consistency and thoroughness in presenting, and fighting for, the measures needed for victory.

It is part of the struggle to mobilize the people for united support to the all-out war policies of the President, for no councilman has been Cacchione's equal in carrying the message of unity for those policies to the people of Brooklyn.

It is part of the fight for the local requirements of the people of the city in this war situation—child care, a school system geared to wartime needs, support to the Mayor in fighting profiteering and black markets, a

financial policy that will not place the burden of taxation entirely upon the people.

For all these things, Councilman Cacchione has been an untiring fighter. The need for his presence in the City Council is dramatized by the demand for an increase in transit fares made Sunday by a committee headed by Paul Windels, notorious as counsel for the Coudert witch-hunt committee.

Perhaps more than any other public figure, Councilman Cacchione is responsible for retention of the 5 cent fare and for the campaign on behalf of a financial policy that will not place this additional load on the backs of the people. The Windels' report shows that this fight is not yet over by any means.

We can expect bitter opposition to Councilman Cacchione's reelection from the defeatists, Coughlinites, disruptive Social Democrats, and similar elements in Brooklyn. They will stop at nothing to try to defeat him.

As against that, there is the fact that the Communist Councilman and the Communist Party have won admiration, respect and love from various sections of Brooklyn's population as a result of their work on behalf of victory and the needs of the people in this war.

The support of the Negro people for Councilman Cacchione, for instance, will be registered at the annual ball of the Peter V. Cacchione Association Saturday night by the presence of that great leader of the Negro people, Paul Robeson, as well as of several leaders of the Brooklyn Negro community.

So, too, among the trade unionists, the Jewish and the Italian people of Brooklyn, Councilman Cacchione and the Communist Party have won many friends. The great job now is to transfer that love and friendship and respect into votes on Election Day. It's a big job, and it is well that Brooklynites have started early.

Salute to Common Man

THE unity rally at Madison Square Garden sponsored by the International Workers Order on Sunday evening, May 23, featuring the dramatic spectacle, *March to Freedom*, is an event of special significance. The cause of United Nations' unity will be forwarded by the eloquent voice of Ben Gold, who will answer the splitters and disruptionists of the war effort.

The massing of national group talent in the presentation of the march of democracy from Valley Forge to Stalingrad and Tunisia, will be in the nature of an event of political importance rather than just a colorful show. The participation of twenty thousand persons in the audience in this Mass Salute to the Common Man, the theme of the script which is based on the Century of the Common Man speech by Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, will make this huge meeting a living demonstration of the unity needed for the assault on the fortress of Europe.

The IWO has played a vital role in mobilizing the national group communities of America for the war effort. Because this meeting will deepen national unity and United Nations unity, there should not be an empty seat in the Garden next Sunday.

THEY'RE SAYING IN WASHINGTON

From Legation to Embassy

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DETAILS of State Department protocol can sometimes be quite significant. This was certainly the case in the announcement that Czechoslovakia will now have a full-fledged Embassy in the United States instead of a legation. The reactionary governments-in-exile of Yugoslavia, Poland and Greece had long ago been given this recognition. Czechoslovakia had to wait. The Czechs didn't fit into the pattern of anti-Soviet intrigue worked out by some of the striped-pants boys in the State Department who preferred a Mikhailovich, a Darlan and Franco to a Benes. It was only last Fall that Edouard Benes was acknowledged as President of the "Republic of Czechoslovakia." Previously he had been the head of a "provisional" government. And it was no easy task for Benes to arrange his trip here. It met with stiff opposition, and had to be repeatedly postponed.

All of this makes the official cordiality with which Benes was received here all the more significant. This was a triumph for the one democratic, anti-fascist government—in exile in Nazi-occupied Eastern Europe.

I noticed only one obviously hostile gesture to Benes. When Benes was walking down the aisle of the Senate, Senator Wheeler grimly kept his hands at his sides. Every other Senator applauded vigorously. When Benes began to speak, Wheeler started reading a batch of papers on his desk. I mention this as an exception to the generally enthusiastic welcome which Benes received.

Benes' trip here was clearly a set-back for all the exponents of a cordon sanitaire around the Soviet Union. It was specifically a set-back for the Polish government-in-exile which not only aspires to huge chunks of Soviet territory but also to parts of Czechoslovakia.

At his press conference here, Benes emphasized the importance of full cooperation with the Soviet Union. He warned against efforts to isolate the Soviet government. And his reply to a question about a post-war federation in Eastern Europe was extremely important.

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The Sikorski government has been particularly active in pressing for such a Federation as an anti-Soviet coalition.

Benes said that he placed only one condition on a post-war federation—that it must not be a combination against any of the United Nations and that it must be formed in agreement with all the United Nations.

It is probably sheer coincidence that Benes arrived here at about the same time as Winston Churchill. But the fact is that Benes' presence in Washington, to be followed by his trip to the Soviet Union, will help clarify the political atmosphere in preparation for the grand offensive of the United Nations against Nazi Europe.

ARTHUR SEARS HENNING, the Chicago Tribune's top hatchet man in Washington, practically drooled with anticipation as he wrote of reports that United Nations strategy was to be drastically revised. Henning said that "rapidly spreading popular demand in the United States for an all-out offensive against Japan" was forcing Churchill and Roosevelt to drop their plans for an early knockout blow at Germany.

That was on Friday. The next morning Henning wrote sadly that "there has been no change so far" in United Nations strategy. He commented regretfully that it looked as if the immediate target of large-scale offensive action was still Nazi-occupied Europe.

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great blows will be struck at the Axis. This seemed to indicate that the direction of these blows will be the heart of Nazified Europe across the British channel.

THIS does not, of course, rule out the very strong probability that the British and American troops now in North Africa will be used against the Nazi strongholds in Southern Europe, to knock out Italy and perhaps to advance into Southern France.

One effect of the Allied victory in North Africa which has been largely overlooked in the press is that the Mediterranean can now be used to transport supplies to India, thus shortening the route by 5,000 to 6,000 miles.

There is now a good deal of talk in Washington about pressing this advantage to send additional equipment to Gen. Wavell's troops in India for a drive against Burma. There is also talk that bombing attacks on Japan will be intensified.

Reports of the plans to aid Wavell got around, and were exaggerated out of all proportion—not only in the Chicago Tribune but also in the New York Herald Tribune and other papers that should know better. Two incidents were used to bolster the stories about a change in United Nations strategy. One was a scheduled meeting of the Pacific War Council with Roosevelt and Churchill—which was later called off. The other was the presence of Gen. Wavell and the other principal commanders of British troops in India.

Aid to Wavell would not necessarily mean a shift in the main strategy of the war. Similarly an offensive against the "soft underbelly of Europe" would not conflict with a simultaneous drive in the West from Great Britain—which, still appears to be the major objective of the United Nations. The offensive plans mapped in Casablanca are obviously being worked out in greater detail in Washington. But there has not been the slightest indication so far that these plans have been scrapped or essentially revised.

The Insolence of Mr. James

By Israel Amter

With the virtual ending of warfare in North Africa, the United States and Britain have a solemn pledge to fulfill. It was made in Washington in June, 1942, in the joint statement by President Roosevelt and Foreign Commissar Molotov, and again in February at Casablanca by Roosevelt and Churchill, namely, for the opening of the second front. There is no other meaning to this pledge. It is true that faint hearts and people who have no confidence in the American and British people raise doubts, as Mr. Edwin James of the New York Times does. Does he want a written guarantee that there will be no casualties, that no risks are being taken? If he does, he has no business in this war or any other. War is itself the greatest risk. And the strongest asset that any army has is not its equipment, but its morale, its will to fight, its audacity.

Very condescendingly, Mr. James then adds: "No one can doubt that Stalin realizes the import of the situation."

Yes, Stalin undoubtedly realizes the import of the situation and also realizes that there are such pettifoggers and enemies of real victory as Mr. James, who still writes articles for an influential newspaper.

Mr. James continues: "If the Russian Army proves itself to be the best in the world, tanks and planes which are there or thereabout now, there will be one situation for an invasion attempt. . . . Surely, with a second front nearer than ever before, Stalin will be expected to do all in his power to contribute to its success."

How sweet Mr. James is—and how insolent! James unquestionably is hinting at something else. It is a threat to the Soviet Union. This becomes clear when we see the "reward" that Mr. James has promised the Soviet Union in the new mission of Mr. Davies.

REFLECTS APPEASER IDEAS
Who are we Americans to judge what the Soviet Union has done, not for herself alone but for the whole world? If it were not for the sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of the best youth in the Red Army, then England and the United States would have suffered far more than we have suffered up to date.

This distribe by the New York Times is a reflection of appeaser elements within our country, who while they feel that Hitler should be licked, nevertheless do not relish the defeat of Hitler and fascism as a result of joint struggle with the great working class state, the Soviet Union. They do not relish any

real effort to smash fascism because many of them are pro-fascist themselves.

But such impertinence, such unbounded insolence, in face of the present world situation, with only one real victory to our credit—namely, North Africa, involving only a fraction of the men and forces that the Soviet Union has faced now for twenty-three months! It is clear that we should be the last to raise the question of good faith (with the second front not yet opened), and of the Soviet Union showing its good faith by battling not only in winter but also in summer.

NOT FDE POSITION

The position expressed by James is not the position of President Roosevelt. Roosevelt recognizes that any advance of Hitler on the Eastern Front threatens all the United Nations. With this in mind, the common strategy of the war has been worked out, though as yet there is not a correlation of all the United Nations forces in carrying through this policy and strategy. Hence it is easy for editorial writers who are the enemies of victory to sit in their offices and develop their own highfalutin' strategy, while millions of Russian soldiers fight and die; while men, women and children struggle and suffer; while 50,000,000 people of the Soviet Union are tortured by the Nazis in the territory they presently control in the Soviet Union, in Nazi factories and on farms. It is easy for those writers to scribble their columns while the peoples of occupied Europe are going through a veritable hell; and while carrying on the struggle, are waiting for the second front to throw all Europe into a mass army marching to the defeat and smashing of Hitlerism and fascism.

The second front is coming. The North African war "presages the creation of a second front in Europe against the Italo-German fascists" (from Stalin's May Day Order). Yes, the second front is coming and the American and British people back it up, since it is in the interest of all the United Nations.

Let us dedicate ourselves again to the rapid solution of this one problem.

The trade unions have taken the lead in pressing for a second front. The workers in the factories and on the farms are turning out all the necessary materials in order that the armies of our own nation and all the United Nations may be equipped to destroy Hitler and fascism.

There is something else we must do. We must sweep aside all innuendoes and threats against the Soviet Union voiced by such scribblers as James. The Soviet Union shows by deeds as well as by words where it stands. There are no appeasers, no fifth columnists in the Soviet Union, trying to thwart its policies.

PRICE OF VICTORY

It is time that people like James, an appeaser of appeasers, stop their fangling and adhere to the policies enunciated by Roosevelt and Churchill and undoubtedly under discussion at the present time in Washington. What we have to do is to mobilize all of our forces at last to get full-fledged into the war and to carry it through no matter what the cost may be. This is the price of victory.

It is time to treat the Soviet Union as an equal leader of the United Nations, and consider its problems in defeating the Nazis as our problems, just as the Soviet Union considers our problems its problems. There is only one problem—the unity of the United Nations, and especially of the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain, for an all-out war, without restraint, to smash Hitlerism and fascism as quickly as possible and thereby save the lives of hundreds of thousands, if not millions, more of Americans, Russians, Britishers, Chinese and all the countries of occupied Europe and East Asia. One problem: it can and will be solved in the spirit of national unity behind our President and Commander-in-Chief, and full-unity of all the United Nations, led by the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain.

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Party Life

SIGNIFICANT as the recruiting of 15,000 new members is, there would be little value in our work and in the lessons we learn from the Party Building Campaign if we did not recognize that equally important, but more difficult, is the political integration and activation of the new members.

KEEPING NEW MEMBERS A CHALLENGE

The keeping of every new member is a challenge to every Branch, Section and State Committee. This activity should assume a campaign character and be conducted with the same consciousness and determination that characterized the Party Building Campaign.

To the extent that the entire Party improves its general functioning, in accord with recent decisions, will we help solve the specific problems of keeping the new members. We refer specifically to:

1. The branches becoming a community political force.
2. Comrades in mass work, especially shop and trade union activities, receiving political assistance from Branches and Sections.
3. More effective and consistent fight for full citizenship of Party.
4. Training Branch leadership and Membership Committee personnel.

WHAT CHARACTERIZES NEW MEMBERS

WHAT characterizes the new member as well as all recent recruits, in contrast with some years ago? They have more political and trade union experience and they are more schooled in workers' organization procedure. However, many of these workers, while acquainted and concerned with the larger political problems confronting the labor movement and the nation, and expressing a general anti-fascist ideology, nevertheless do not know the history and tradition of the working class movement and consequently they are politically less clear on the ideological distinctions between the Communists and other forces in the win-the-war 'camp, whose collaboration must be strengthened.

THREE KEY TASKS

The three key tasks are:
1. Making the new members politically more effective where they are today—whether it be a trade union, fraternal organization, Civilian Defense organization, nursery school or community organization. Under no circumstances are new members to be given the idea that Party work is some inner organization activity separate and apart from their mass activity. Insofar as they are given any special Party assignment, it shall be in consultation with them and in accord with their particular interest or desires. The first task is for the Party and its press to equip the new member to work effectively—to know the answers to problems and convey this understanding to others—where they are now active.

2. We must undertake to acquaint the new member with the type of organization they belong to and know its functions. We must not only talk of their obligation. It is equally important to acquaint them with their rights and privileges—to convey to them in simple language the meaning of the democratic-centralism. They should acquire the feeling that it is their organization, which they can help improve and build. All important matters should be decided democratically in the Branch and the Branch Executive should avoid usurping the right of decisions, without consultation with the membership.

3. Acquaint the new member with the history and theory of the Party. Without this the first two are inadequate. These three problems must be tackled simultaneously in this effort.

BRANCH HAS MAIN RESPONSIBILITY

WHILE the State and Section organizations must plan, guide and check this entire campaign, the real solution of the problem lies in the Branch. To the extent that Branch activity, life, education and functioning is established according to previous National Committee directives, the Branch will be more ready for its present-day big responsibility.

All Districts can come close to 100 per cent success in keeping every new member if there is full political appreciation of the following steps:

1. ENLIST THE COMRADE WHO RECRUITED THE NEW MEMBER TO KEEP REGULAR CONTACT WITH HIS OR HER RECRUITS FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS AND TO CONSIDER IT A CHALLENGE TO SEE THAT EVERY RECRUIT BECOMES A PERMANENT MEMBER.
2. Convince the members to become a regular reader of the Daily Worker through joining the Club Subscriber.
3. Every Branch and Section should have a functioning Membership Committee that visits every new (and old) member, knows their problems, helps acquaint them with Party procedure, suggests reading material, sees they have their membership books and know about their dues, and generally help them feel at home in the Party.
4. Organize New Members' Courses of four or six lessons during May and June.

FIND ORGANIZATIONAL FORMS THAT CORRESPOND TO CONDITIONS OF MEMBERS

BECAUSE of the success in recruiting large numbers of Negro comrades (nationally it averages 27 per cent, but in several districts they number 50 per cent of all recruits) it is necessary to work out specific forms of Branch life and activity corresponding to the accepted forms the Negro people are experienced in, while fitting into such organizational forms the political content of the Party program. Similarly, in respect to the women recruits, who number one-third of the total, specific methods of approach and activity should be studied.

It is also important, for the new as well as the old members, to see that Branches or Groups of Branches, are organized and function to accommodate the new growing number of comrades who are working on the second and third shifts of war industries. Some districts have also found it necessary to organize special forms of meetings for mothers, not able to leave their small children.

On the basis of these directives, which are the main points of more detailed directives sent to each State and District Committee, every Party Branch should immediately discuss and organize its own campaign to keep the new members and send in its experiences to this Party Life Column.

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